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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO ESTABLISH A SCHOOL OF
DENTISTRY ON THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII WEST OAHU CAMPUS AND
RELOCATE THE DEPARTMENT OF DENTAL HYGIENE TO THE UNIVERSITY
OF HAWAII WEST OAHU CAMPUS.

1 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii West Oahu completed work
2 on the initial phase of its Kapolei campus in July of 2012; and
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4 WHEREAS, dentistry continues to be an attractive profession
5 with considerable interest among young people; and
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7 WHEREAS, there is a need for more dentists to provide oral
8 health care and offset an anticipated surge in retiring
9 dentists; and
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11 WHEREAS, many universities starting new schools are in an
12 academic health center growth phase and desire to have dentistry
13 as part of their program to provide students with
14 interprofessional learning experiences; and
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16 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii does not presently have a
17 school of dentistry offering a Doctor of Dental Medicine or
18 Doctor of Dental Surgery degree; and
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20 WHEREAS, Hawaii students who desire degrees in dentistry
21 are forced to leave Hawaii and attend mainland schools; and
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23 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii's Department of Dental
24 Hygiene offers a Bachelor of Science degree in dental hygiene
25 and provides the educational preparation required by dental
26 hygienists to provide oral health care and continuing
27 professional education to broaden and deepen their knowledge and
28 skills; and
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30 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii is contemplating the
31 transfer of the Department of Dental Hygiene to the University
32 of Hawaii West Oahu campus; and
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1 WHEREAS, the establishment of a dental school on the
 2 University of Hawaii West Oahu campus would complement the
 3 transfer of the Department of Dental Hygiene to the West Oahu
 4 campus and provide the University of Hawaii with a comprehensive
 5 dental program with state-of-the-art clinical teaching
 6 facilities; now, therefore,

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 8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
 9 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013,
 10 that this body urges the University of Hawaii to establish a
 11 dental school on the University of Hawaii West Oahu campus with
 12 state-of-the-art clinical teaching facilities; and

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 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is
 15 encouraged to relocate the Department of Dental Hygiene to the
 16 University of Hawaii West Oahu campus and form a comprehensive
 17 dental education program with a new dental school; and

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 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 20 Resolution be transmitted to the University of Hawaii Board of
 21 Regents, President of the University of Hawaii System,
 22 University of Hawaii West Oahu Chancellor, Dean of the
 23 University of Hawaii at Manoa School of Nursing and Dental
 24 Hygiene, and Chairperson of the Department of Dental Hygiene.

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